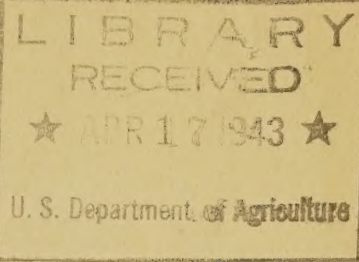


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Timely Information on Equipment for Home Canning

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I. Containers for Home-Canned Foods for Family Consumption.

1. Glass Jars:

The War Production Board and the glass industry will make every effort to see that there is no shortage of home canning jars in 1943.

2. Jar Seals:

It is anticipated that there will be enough new and replacement closures to take care of a greatly expanded home canning program. However, an all-out "run" on canning to the exclusion of other methods of food preservation might strain these supplies severely, especially if accompanied by heavy advance buying or hoarding.

WPB Conservation Order M-104 as amended December 23, 1942, provides for the following types of jars and closures to be manufactured in 1943.

- a. Shoulder-seal jar rings for 70-mm. Mason finish. 1/
- b. Top-seal jar rings for use with 70-mm. glass disc.
- c. Top-seal metal lids, 70-mm.
- d. Bands for 70-mm. top-seal metal lids.
- e. Bands for use with 70-mm. glass lids.
- f. Lightning type, 70-mm.
- g. Top-seal metal lids, smaller than 70-mm. 2/

3. Tin Cans:

WPB Order M-81 as amended December 9, 1942, does not limit the number of tin cans available for packing products which are not to be sold (Section 1068.1-d (1)).

1/This provision has been liberalized to allow the manufacture of replacement shoulder-seal rings for used wide-mouth Mason finish jars. If local dealers cannot supply these rings, order them from the company that makes the wide-mouth jars to be fitted. No new wide-mouthed jars are to be made in 1943.

2/This includes replacement metal lids for Mason-type commercial jars in which coffee and other groceries are packed.

II. Containers for Home-Canned Products To Be Sold.

1. Glass Jars and Seals:

Section 1128.1-d (1) of WPB Order M-104 (December 23, 1942) provides: "Nothing in this order shall prohibit any person who used less than 5,000 closures during the calendar year 1942 from purchasing, accepting delivery of, or using without restriction, an aggregate of 5,000 closures during any subsequent calendar year."

2. Tin Cans:

There is no restriction on the number of tin cans that may be sold to home canners. Home canners canning for sale must comply with restrictions as to percentage of previous year's pack and products that may be packed, imposed on commercial packers in Schedules I and II, pages 2 to 4, WPB Order M-81, and later amendments and interpretations.

III. Persons Desiring To Can Home-Raised Products for Sale Must:

1. Register as directed. Special procedures for such persons have not yet been determined. Persons canning less than 5,000 quarts (10,000 pounds) are not classified as "processors" and do not have to register between March 1 and 10.
2. Demand prescribed number of points for items sold.
3. Comply with regulations of OPA as to grades and price ceilings.
4. Comply with State regulations covering the sale of canned foods to the public.

IV. Home Pressure Canners.

1. In 1942, 64,000 steel pressure canners were manufactured, 24,000 by the Burpee Can Sealer Co., of Barrington, Ill., and 40,000 by the National Pressure Cooker Co., of Eau Claire, Wisc. All these canners were of the "7-quart" type, that is, of 21-quart liquid capacity and holding 7 quart jars or 14 No. 2 tin cans.
2. Early in March 1943, WPB allocated to Secretary Wickard, as Food Administrator, materials to build 150,000 steel canners of the 7-quart type. On March 3 materials were allocated to 3 companies, as follows:

Burpee Can Sealer Co.	55,000
National Pressure Cooker Co.	70,000
Wisconsin Aluminum Co.	25,000

Assembling of materials will begin immediately, and it is believed the first canners will begin to come from production lines around the first of April.

V. Distribution Plans.

Since the supply of canners falls far short of the demand, canners manufactured in 1943 will be rationed. The Department of Agriculture will be responsible for rationing procedures, and will announce them shortly.

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